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SUBJECT: GOU REQUEST FOR SURPLUS USG OWNED OIL TANKERS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FONOFF NOTE EXPRESSING INTEREST OF STATE OWNED PETROLEUM AGENCY (ANCAP) IN ACQUIRING SEVERAL SMALL VESSELS AS DESCRIBED BELOW FROM US NAVY SURPLUS OR MOTHBALLED FLEET. MARAD MAY ALSO BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO THIS REQUEST.

2. ANCAP IS SEMI-AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCY WHICH HAS MONOPOLY OF ALL ASPECTS PETROLEUM ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING IN URUGUAY. IN ADDITION TO ITS OWN SERVICE STATION NETWORK, IT SELLS FUELS FROM ITS REFINERY TO SHELL, TEXACO AND ESSO. AS WITH OTHER STATE OWNED AGENCIES AND COMPANIES, ANCAP FACES A STRINGENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND BELIEVES PURCHASE OF SURPLUS VESSELS RATHER THAN BUYING COMMERCIALY IS NECESSARY.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF REFINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO INTERIOR OF COUNTRY PRESENTS A MAJOR DIFFICULTY, ANCAP CONSIDERS MOST FEASIBLE MEANS OF DISTRIBUTION IS BY DELIVERY ALONG COASTAL AND INLAND WATERWAYS IN THE PURCHASE OF FOLLOWING TYPE OF VESSELS:

(1) OIL TANKER OF 12 FOOT DRAFT AND 1800 TON CAPACITY. LENGTH AND BEAM POSE NO RESTRICTION.

(B) OIL TANKER OF 12 FOOT DRAFT AND 3200 TON CAPACITY. NO LENGTH OR BEMA RESTRICTION.

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(C) A SHIP OR SELF-PROPELLED BARGE WITH UP TO 800 TON CAPACITY.

(D) A "YARD OILER" WITH NOT LESS THAN 500 TON CAPACITY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF SUCH VESSELS ARE AVAILABLE FROM USN SURPLUS OR OTHER SOURCES, CONDITIONS AND PRICE OF SALE AND UNIT OR ORGANIZATION WITH WHOM ANCAP CAN COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY.

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